

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY TODAY—WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

TO-MORROW is the Last Day of Our Before Inventory Sale

It is clean-up day—Wednesday we take inventory. Wednesday is ours, for taking account of stocks and making a fresh start.

If there is anything you need to wear—anything your boy needs—or your wife or daughter—tomorrow is the day to buy it. Clothes, shoes, furnishings—broken lines must all go—that is our policy which nothing can change. Prices are little enough to suit anybody.

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RAILROADS SCOUR COUNTRY
FOR ADEQUATE TIE SUPPLY

Washington, Feb. 22.—That the humble railroad tie is a most important factor in the material development of the country is a great truth that is little understood by people outside of railroad circles. The puffing engine that speeds at the rate of a mile or more a minute over the country is a slave to the two steel rails that insure a smooth and safe road, and these rails in turn depend on the old-fashioned wooden cross-tie which holds them in place.

Yankee invention has not yet found a substitute which has induced the railroads to give up wood, although experts say that the day will surely come when the country's forests will no longer be called upon to supply the demand for ties. Up to the present time it seems that no other material has been found which has the resiliency of wood and which at the same time causes less wear and tear on the rails, fastenings, and roadbed.

The country's railroads during the last two or three years used 110,000,000 to 120,000,000 of sawed and hewn ties a year. The ideal tie timber is white oak, which combines the qualities of durability, hardness, strength, and close grain. It is not only excellent for ties, but is widely used in ship building, for general construction, in coopers, in the manufacture of carriages, for agricultural implements, interior finish of houses, and for furniture. On account of this wide use, the supply has been greatly reduced and some of the railroads have been forced to pay almost prohibitive prices for ties or to substitute other and cheaper woods to replace the white oak ties rapidly disappearing from their lines.

Over 40 per cent. of the ties recently purchased by the railroads find their way to the country, according to latest statistics of United States Forest Service. Cross-ties of Southern pine formed somewhat less than 25 per cent. Douglas fir ties ranked third, with approximately 10 per cent. of the total. Naturally the proportion of these two timbers will increase as the supply of oak dwindles. This is also true of cedar.

STRATFORD

At the Lectures—The Coming Concert—
News from Africa—Telepathy—A
Cake Sale—Notes of Human Interest

The fact that Mrs. A. Bedell Benjamin was at the lecture on Shakespeare on Saturday evening is good evidence that she has not as yet gone to Palm Beach, Florida. We must not be in too big a hurry to send people out of town.

A few of those who heard Mrs. Ward give her illustrated lecture on Shakespeare Saturday evening were Judge and Mrs. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton, Mr. Beardsley, Carlos Wilcox, Mrs. Clara M. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wheeler, Mrs. Dr. Cogswell, Miss Judson, Miss Ethel Beach, Miss Lovell, Miss Russell the librarian, and others.

The pool tables have arrived and been placed in the old but famous "When restaurant" and now men and boys who find time hanging too heavily to be borne, can drop in and knock the balls.

Mr. Beach and family have not as yet departed for California. Spring is coming on so rapidly there will really be little need of seeking a more agreeable climate.

The coming Irish and Scotch concert at the Congregational church, promises to be a delightful event. Miss Hogan is in fine voice, and will sing several Irish songs, giving a sketch of each. Mr. Calder will also sketch some of the Scotch songs, recounting the legends which gave rise to them. Miss Hulsey and Mrs. Edmond Judson will play an organ and piano duet.

Two of David Cole's sons passed yesterday at the old homestead. Mr. Cole, Jr., has not as yet returned to Vermont, to assist in making maple sugar. He rather dreads the snow drifts and the frosts. It is good to find him to remain in Stratford and see the cowslips bloom and hear the chatter of the red winged blackbirds.

Rev. and Mrs. William P. Knapp, who used to be known in town, are now in Mombasa, Africa, as missionaries to the heathen. They write to a local resident that the country is filling up with English settlers; that a railroad has been built; and that Mr. Roosevelt is expected. Indeed, packages marked "R. R." have already arrived at the depot. It appears that in Africa a missionary in quest of souls thinks nothing of walking 50 miles, while his wife takes a trip of 15 miles before breakfast. But this sort of thing is done too often the human system which is frail breaks down, and the missionary has to go to the top of a high mountain where it is cool and bracing to recuperate. When last heard from Mr. Knapp was on the top of one of the hills, 7,000 feet high, right in the middle of Ethiopia. Up there the air is so clear and with good eyes can see from 50 to 100 miles. All the same the Knapps would be glad to be back in old Stratford.

A Tonic Free from Alcohol

Talk with your doctor about Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla. Ask him if he prescribes it for pale, delicate children. Ask him if he recommends it when the blood is thin and impure, and when the nerves are weak and unsteady. Ask him if it aids nature in building up the general health.

DESPERATE PLOT
TO FURTHER SUIT
OF UNLUCKY LOVER

Wife Brings Action Alleging Deliberate
Attempt to Separate Her from
Her Husband.

Mrs. Josephine Galuzzo has brought suit for damages in the amount of \$1,000 against Sebastiano Valentino, Gerlando Pappa and Constantino Pappa, alleging that the three men conspired to alienate her husband's affections. The allegations of the plaintiff disclose a remarkable story of unrequited love and the machinations of three men to bring about the separation of the woman from her husband so that one of the men could marry her.

Gerlando Pappa was desperately in love with the woman. He pestered her with his attentions which were not welcomed. Unable to accomplish his ends in this manner the woman alleges that Gerlando enlisted the services of his brother Constantino and of Valentino to separate the husband from the wife and thus make the way easy. Gerlando failed in his efforts to get the woman to elope with him. The mind of the husband was poisoned against his wife by the statements of the three, and he left her, taking his two children and going to New York. While there the friends of Mrs. Galuzzo got busy and exposed the whole plot to the husband who returned and immediately effected a reconciliation.

Sheriff Richards has served the papers with instructions to attach property belonging to the defendants to the amount of \$2,000 or to take their bodies if the required amount is not found. The husband will be a valuable witness for the plaintiff when the case is tried in the Superior Court the first Tuesday in April. Another witness for the plaintiff will be Carmelo Damore who was accused of undue influence over Mrs. Galuzzo. The plaintiff is a remarkably handsome woman.

JUDGE BEARDSLEY
HOST AT DINNER

Sons of the American Revolution Meet the President
General at the Stratfield.

Hon. Henry Stockbridge, president general of the Sons of the American Revolution and a justice of the supreme court of Maryland, was the guest of Judge Morris B. Beardsley at a dinner at the Stratfield last evening. Judge Stockbridge is a resident of Baltimore and was called to this city to attend the meeting of the S. A. R. which is in progress at the Stratfield to-day. Those who enjoyed the occasion were Judge George W. Wheeler, Judge Cusward J. Curtis, State Attorney Stiles Judson, Allan W. Paige, Lewis B. Curtis, David F. Read, and Charles S. Canfield.

PNEUMONIA FOLLOWS
LA GRIFFE.
Pneumonia often follows la grippe but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, for la grippe coughs and deep seated colds. Refuse any but the genuine in the yellow package. F. B. Brill, local agent. * 1 3 5

Deaths and Funerals.

After a brief illness from pneumonia, Theodore Parsons Spencer passed away last night at the home of his son, Wm. Spencer, president of the Bridgeport Elastic Fabric Co. Although a sufferer to an unusual degree from some of the infirmities of old age, Mr. Spencer was cheerful and happy in temperament and made friends easily. He was strong in his likes and dislikes, but he was highly respected by all who knew him. His infirmities have prevented him from engaging in business for some years, and since the death of his wife, Josephine Boyd, he had made his home with his only son, Mr. Spencer.

In his 78th year, and will be remembered by many business men of twenty years ago. Mr. Spencer had been a member of the First Methodist church ever since he came to Bridgeport, and until age made it difficult for him to do so he was with his wife a regular attendant there.

Death came suddenly yesterday afternoon to William C. Fletcher, foreman of the special parts department of the American Graphophone Co., at his home, 740 Iranistan avenue. The deceased had been ailing for the past five weeks but appeared to have recovered from an affection of the heart. He was apparently well and about the house as usual on Saturday. Yesterday afternoon after informing his wife that he was somewhat fatigued he retired to his room for a short rest. Dr. F. C. Graves arrived a few moments later on his regular call and going to Mr. Fletcher's room found that his patient had died. The deceased was 50 years of age, and is survived by his widow and one son, Howard J., a clerk in the employ of the Bridgeport Brass Co. The deceased was a home loving man and had endeared himself to a large circle of friends. He was a member of the O. U. A. M.

Rufus W. Bunnell, one of the best known residents of Stratford, and for a number of years a member of the local architect firm of Lambert & Bunnell, died last night at his home in South Main street in Stratford. The deceased was 74 years of age and had been in failing health for some time. He preferred to live quietly and journeyed from his home to his office in this city until his health prevented. The deceased is survived by a widow, a daughter, Catherine, and two sons, Sterling and Frank Bunnell.

PERSONAL MENTION.

J. A. Goldsmith who established "The Enterprise" several months ago and who is still the owner of that publication, is now the advertising manager of the Hartford Post.

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FIRE SALE
ANNOUNCEMENT

A large quantity of our stock of Gas Fixtures, Gas Burners, Globes, Shades, Gas Mantles, etc., were slightly damaged by the water or chemicals and smoke during the fire Wednesday night and we will put the entire stock on sale Saturday morning at greatly reduced prices and continue sale till entire lot is sold out.

Every article will be marked away down so as to insure their prompt sale to make room for new goods. Remember the only damage is smoke or water and goods simply need cleaning.

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2 and 3 light Gas Fixtures.....95c and \$1.10
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1 Beautiful Mahogany Desk, \$68. Sale price... 38.00
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